

SCOTTSDALE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION PINNACLE TRAINING ROOM 7575 EAST MAIN STREET SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251 MONDAY, JULY 11, 2005

MINUTES AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Tutelman, Chair

Michele Culver, Vice-Chair (arrived 6:00 p.m.)

Marty Gendron, Commissioner Carol Padwe, Commissioner Enid Seiden, Commissioner Ted Tyler, Commissioner

ABSENT: Aubrey Strickstein, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Velicia McMillan, Staff Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tutelman called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. A roll call confirmed the presence of Commissioners as noted above.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

June 13, 2005

Commissioner Gendron asked that the minutes on the discussion of Promoting Unity in the Community include "Commissioner Gendron brought a straw man of the Promoting Unity guidelines. It was discussed and was to be presented again at the following meeting."

COMMISSIONER SEIDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2005 MEETING MINUTES, AS AMENDED. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER

TYLER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

PROMOTING UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE

Commissioners Padwe and Gendron presented the straw man of the guidelines for the proposed Promoting Unity in the Community program. The Commissioners discussed the draft and the cover letter to accompany the brochure.

Dr. McMillan suggested that it was important to advertise the program so that potential applicants were aware of its existence and to streamline the application process to encourage applications. An application that could be quickly completed would increase the likelihood of submission. Finally, it was important for the Commission to identify the group that they were targeting.

Commissioner Padwe suggested adding a flyer to all of the packages that were to be sent out. The organizations could then post the flyer on a bulletin board.

A discussion ensued on the cover letter, the brochure and the information applicants would need to write their applications.

REGIONAL HRC DAY LABORER SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Gendron reported that the sub-committee had met on June 28, 2005. A follow-on public forum was being planned to focus on the impact of Proposition 200 and the legal issues in greater detail. The sub-committee was planning to meet in August. He had a DVD disk of the entire presentation, which he recommended be aired on the community TV channel.

CHAIRMAN REPORTS:

Chair Tutelman noted that he had nothing to report.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS:

Commissioner Gendron mentioned an article in the Arizona Republic concerning the shortage of housing because the Valley was not getting its fair share of Federal funding for this.

Commissioner Culver noted that she had received hateful feedback from the website of a white supremacist group, American Renaissance, following the profile that had run in the paper.

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Commissioner Padwe reported that she had attended the Hispanic Heritage Festival meeting and that City employees on the Diversity Advisory Committee were actively and enthusiastically preparing for the Festival on October 1st at El Dorado. Commissioner Tyler added that planning has already begun for the Martin Luther King Day event, tentatively scheduled for January 9, 2006. The venue is to be the Hyatt Regency at Gainey Ranch.

STAFF LIAISON ITEMS

Dr. McMillan reported that she had arranged for the Commissioners to be on the DLA mailing list. The next regional meeting is planned for November in Mesa. She added that perhaps Scottsdale could host the following regional meeting in February 2006. A discussion ensued on a suitable venue to host this. The Urban Design Studio was recommended.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

MOTION TO RECONVENE

COMMISSIONER PADWE MOVED TO RECONVENE THE MEETING. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SEIDEN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

STAFF LIAISON ITEMS, CONTINUED

Dr. McMillan noted that she had only received three proposals for the Scottsdale Cross-Cultural Communications Forum. She had then been in touch with speakers who had made presentations at the City of Phoenix Brown Bag series. She was planning to develop a list of presenters. Because the Commission was not having an August meeting and the information needed to be published by September, Dr. McMillan explained that she was intending to go ahead with the arrangements.

A discussion ensued on the possibility of arranging a neighborhood meeting in the area of the new Scottsdale mosque. The consensus was that this was an excellent idea and should be further explored at the September meeting.

Dr. McMillan asked the Commissioners to think over the summer about what the objectives for the Cross-Cultural Communications Forum were. Commissioner Seiden commented that she felt a better understanding of Islam was a priority.

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Respectfully submitted, A-V Tronics, Inc.